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TO SECRETARY FROM SISCO

- 1. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER DISCUSSED THE TURKISH POPPY BAN WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AT THEIR INITIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 21. HIS REPORTING TELEGRAM BEING REPEATED TO YOU.
- 2. WE HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL AT THE NEA LEVEL UNDERLINING THE GRAVE IMPLICATIONS OF A RECISION OF THE TURKISH POPPY BAN AND BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS BE FOLLOWED UP BY AN INDICATION OF CONCERN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM YOU TO BE DELIVERED TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTER BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER:

QTE: I HAVE REVIEWED AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S SECRET

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EXCHANGES WITH YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES AND

FEEL SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY ALLOW THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM IN TURKEY. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER CLEARLY REFLECTED MY VIEWS. I ASK THAT WE STAY IN CLOSEST

TOUCH AND THAT FULL WEIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE ADVERSE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHAT WOULD BE REGARDED AS A RETROGRADE STEP. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM A DECISION TO REVERSE THE POLICY ON OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. BEST REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE. RUSH

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